

DEQ Grant and Loan Funding Opportunities for Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems

Is your community or nonprofit noncommunity **drinking water system** or municipal or nonprofit **wastewater system** contributing to public health issues? Facing water quality difficulties or infrastructure rehabilitation or replacement needs? If so, consider submitting these projects for placement on the DEQ *Planning Grant* or *State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan* priority lists to see if DEQ can provide financial assistance for your system.

- ◆ *Planning Grants* provide up to 50% of the cost of developing a Facility Plan or Engineering Report in preparation for project design and construction.
- ◆ *SRF Loans* provide low interest funding up to 100% of project costs, to design and construct system improvements.

I'm interested...What do I do? First, call and discuss the issues facing your system with the local DEQ Regional Office staff. Second, notify DEQ in writing by submitting a Letter of Interest (LOI) form to DEQ on or before **January 16, 2009**. The LOI form is available at: http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water/permits_forms.cfm or the DEQ Regional Office closest to you.

Will my system automatically receive funding if I submit a Letter of Interest? No, unfortunately, there is limited funding. Projects of potential recipients of the funding are rated by applying standardized criteria to every system that submits an LOI. All rated systems are then comparatively ranked with other systems around the state. Those systems that rank highest are notified that they are eligible to apply for a grant or loan to DEQ at the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 1, 2009).

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